

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Sheridan) Application No. 911-023.49
County, Rushville, seeking)
funding approval for recurring) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
and non-recurring costs) REQUEST, IN PART
associated with Enhanced)
Wireless 911 implementation.) Entered: June 24, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received January 14, 2008, Sheridan County, Rushville, sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Sheridan County sought non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$94,255.00** for the purchase and installation of equipment and **\$14,645.00** for equipment maintenance for five (5) years paid in annual installments.

Sheridan County provided supporting documentation for the equipment, maintenance, and associated expenses from its vendors. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Sheridan County's request at its April 21, 2008 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment for the equipment with the exception of the \$5,000.00 for MIS reporting software but tabled discussion of the equipment maintenance. The maintenance requested is consistent with the RFP responses and with the maintenance approved for other PSAPs. Sheridan County also submitted additional information regarding its landline 911 revenue and ability to pay for the equipment upgrade in support of its request for 100% funding.

All costs contained within the request for funding and supporting documentation are consistent with the vendor's RFP pricing.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

This request for additional funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-470. (Cum. Supp. 2006), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002 and the Interim Policy established in Progression Order No. 1 in Commission Docket No. 911-017/PI-116, entered February 13, 2007 (Interim Policy).

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that costs requested, subject to the limitations set forth below, are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as all costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

This funding request was received subsequent to February 16, 2007. Pursuant to the Interim Policy, the Commission would consider this funding subject to the wireless/landline allocation factor established in the Commission's February 17, 2007 order. However, Sheridan County has requested that the Commission consider funding its request at 100% funding and has provided documentation in support of the request.

Sheridan County's request includes costs associated with a five (5) year maintenance and service plan for equipment. The Commission finds that maintenance of the equipment is essential to ensure the proper operation of the statewide 911 system and should be funded to the extent that funds are available during this interim period, subject to change based upon the availability of funds and the permanent funding mechanism.

The Commission finds that Sheridan County has provided sufficient documentation to justify funding its request at 100% rather than subject to the wireless/wireline allocation.

Therefore, the request for funding should be granted in the amount of **\$89,255.00** in non recurring costs and recurring costs totaling **\$14,645.00** for equipment maintenance paid annually for a period of up to five (5) years subject to the terms of the contract and the limitations set forth herein. Payments shall be made pursuant to the schedule set forth in the contract subsequent to any warranty period.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Sheridan County or its designee the above listed amounts consistent with the terms of this order. Sheridan County may request that these amounts be paid directly to the vendor.

The Commission reserves the right to modify any recurring costs associated with this funding request consistent with amendments to the Interim Policy or the establishment of a permanent funding mechanism.

Should Sheridan County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request related to the amounts for MIS software not approved herein, it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Sheridan County the amount of **\$89,255.00** consistent with the terms of this order for the equipment necessary to provide enhanced wireless 911 service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Fund shall pay recurring costs totaling \$14,645.00 for equipment maintenance paid in annual installments consistent with the schedule set forth in the contract for a period of up to five (5) years subject to the limitations set forth herein.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that should Sheridan County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request related to the amounts for MIS software not approved herein, it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 24th day of June, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director